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1. The dissident Spanish Communist organization Circulos de Accion Socialista was satisfied with the first results of its propaganda efforts inside Spain, according to statements made by Felix MONTIEL Jimenez about mid-January 1951. Communication had been established with the interior and 200 copies of the organization's bulletin had been sent to Spain, where MONTIEL said they had been well received. MONTIEL expected his organization to profit by the divisions in leadership and rank and file in the orthodox Communist Party inside Spain. 25X1X
2. [REDACTED] reported toward the end of December 1950 that "Titoism" prevailed among the membership there, although most of the leaders remained loyal to the Party.
3. The Circulos de Accion Socialista had not yet been disturbed to any important degree by the French police, MONTIEL said, but he feared that his group might be the first to suffer if the French Government resumed full diplomatic relations with Spain. He expected that FRANCO would require the French to arrest all extreme-left elements as a condition for the exchange of diplomatic representatives.
4. MONTIEL considered the French police roundup of Spanish Communists in September 1950 a complete failure. Almost all the important leaders, he said, had escaped capture and remained free to organize clandestine units. Most of those arrested, according to MONTIEL, already were suspect within the Party. The French press exploitation of the fact that only about 30 of the 150 arrested had elected to go behind the Iron Curtain revealed a total ignorance of Communist discipline in such cases, MONTIEL said. He explained that no Communist could enter Eastern European countries without express orders, and he considered that the fact that few had done so was indicative of the slight importance the Party attached to those who had been arrested.

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- 8-2 5. MONTIEL's group was having no success in its attempts to attract students affiliated with the non-Communist wing of the Union Federal de Estudiantes Hispanos, [REDACTED] Some of the student leaders, including Enrique CRUZ Salido (Socialist), Jose MARTINEZ Guerricabeitia and Francisco CARRASQUER (both of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo), who had visited Yugoslavia during the past summer, had openly criticized the activity of MONTIEL and Jose DEL BARRIO and belittled their prestige. The student group, according to [REDACTED] preferred to maintain direct relations with the Yugoslavs.

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